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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Scheduled official meetings

**Thursday, 17 October 2002**

## Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4625th (resumed) meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 10 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1132)

[*Today*'s meeting of the Security Council on the item entitled "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait" will be available for live viewing on the Internet via United Nations Webcast (www.un.org/webcast). The archived video will be made available later at the same address for on-demand access.]

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism**

4 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

## General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 33rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 34th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/172) [33]; Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/156, A/57/156/Corr.1) [41 (a)]; Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/175) [41 (b)]: joint debate

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## Main Committees

### First Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 14th meeting . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 57, 58, 60-73:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 57* (A/57/263); *item 58* (A/C.1/57/L.5); *item 60* (A/57/98-S/2002/705, A/C.1/57/L.47); *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 62* (A/C.1/57/L.50); *item 63* (A/57/214, A/57/214/Add.1, A/57/214/Add.2, A/C.1/57/L.28); *item 64* (A/57/417-S/2002/1042, A/C.1/57/L.40); *item 65* (A/57/418, A/C.1/57/L.30); *item 66* ( A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Add.1, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2, A/C.1/57/L.3, A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.1[1]), A/C.1/57/L.8, A/C.1/57/L.9, A/C.1/57/L.10, A/C.1/57/L.12, A/C.1/57/L.14, A/C.1/57/L.17, A/C.1/57/L. 18, A/C.1/57/L.19, A/C.1/57/L.21, A/C.1/57/L.23, A/C.1/57/L.24, A/C.1/57/L.25, A/C.1/57/L.26, A/C.1/57/L.32, A/C.1/57/L.33[1], A/C.1/57/L.34, A/C.1/57/L.36, A/C.1/57/L.37, A/C.1/57/L.39, A/C.1/57/L.41, A/C.1/57/L.42, A/C.1/57/L.43, A/C.1/57/L.44, A/C.1/57/L.45, A/C.1/57/L.48, A/C.1/57/L.49, A/C.1/57/L.52, A/C.1/57/L.53, A/C.1/57/L.54; *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551, A/C.1/57/L.11 A/C.1/57/L.15, A/C.1/57/L.16, A/C.1/57/L.20, A/C.1/57/L.29, A/C.1/57/L.35, A/C.1/57/L.38, A/C.1/57/L.51 ); *item 68* (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335, A/57/342, A/C.1/57/L.6, A/C.1/57/L.13); *item* 69 (A/57/454, A/C.1/57/L.27); *item 70* (A/57/181, A/C.1/57/L. 46); *item 71* (A/57/91, A/C.1/57/L.31); *items 72 (A/C.1/57/L.22) and 73* (A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/C.1/57/L.4/Rev.1); (A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3), A/C.1/57/INF/1

[1] Re-issued for technical reasons.

### Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Macroeconomy policy questions [84]

(b) Commodities

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.5*

(c) Science and technology for development

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.3 and A/C.2/57/L.7*

(d) External debt crisis and development

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.6*

(e) International financial system and development

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.4*

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (A/57/202, A/57/203, A/57/331 and A/57/422-S/2002/1064) . . . . . [86]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/57/216 and A/57/216/Corr.1 and A/57/444)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/57/288)

(c) Culture and development (A/57/226)

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/57/388, A/57/118 and A/57/118/Add.1 and A/57/444)

*Introduction and general discussion*

**Third Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [97]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.14/Rev.1*

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [98]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.6, A/C.3/57/L.12 and A/C.3/57/L.13/Rev.1*

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [99]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.15/Rev.1*

4. Advancement of women . . . . . [102]

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.16, A/C.3/57/L.17, A/C.3/57/L.18, A/C.3/57/L.19, A/C.3/57/L.20 and A/C.3/57/L.21*

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [103]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.22*

6. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/57/296 and A/57/395). . . . . [106]

*Introductory statement and general discussion*

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/57/5 (Vol. I and Corr.1, III and Corr.2 and IV and Corr.3), A/57/5/Adds.1-12 and Adds.1-12/Corr.1, A/57/201, A/57/416 and A/57/439) . . . . . [110]

*Continuation of general discussion*

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65, and A/57/281-S/2002/895))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65, and A/57/281-S/2002/895))

[1] Following the adjournment of the10th meeting of the Committee.

**Sixth Committee**

3–6 p.m.. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

International Convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (A/57/51; A/C.6/57/L.3; A/C.6/57/L.4; A/C.6/57/L.8) . . . . . [162]

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on Safety of United Nations and Associated personnel (A/57/52) . . . . . [161]

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions) . . . . . [159]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.11*

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session . . . . . [155]

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.6/57/L.12; A/C.6/57/L.13; A/C.6/57/L.14*

**Disarmament Commission**

2002 organizational session

12 noon[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 250th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

[1] Immediately following the 14th meeting of the First Committee.

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly in its decision 53/411 B for the UNCTAD/WTO/ITC

2. Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field service management system

3. Draft report

**Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s**
Resumed substantive session

11 a.m.–12 noon. . . . . Economic and Social Chamber

# General Assembly

**Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

## Other meetings

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**Thursday, 17 October 2002**

**2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament**

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

**Eastern European Group**

9–10 a.m.. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

**Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the girl child**

9–10 a.m.. . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the girl child [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

**Mason Group** *(on First Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

**Rio Group** *(at the ambassadorial level)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

**Group of 77** *(on the Second Committee: on the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change (A/57/387))*

9.30–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

**European Union** *(Heads of Delegations/First Committee)*

9.45–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

**Southern Africa Development Committee (SADC)**
*(on Second Committee matters)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

**African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

**African Group: Group of Experts on Third Committee Matters**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Arab Group of the Whole**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

**ILO briefing on the informal economy**

1.15-2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

Briefing on "The Informal Economy: Conclusions from Discussions at the International Labour Conference", organized by the International Labour Organization [A presentation will be made by Ms. Lin Lean Lim, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel.: 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).]

**Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the situation of older women in society**

1.15-2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room E

**Round table organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs**

1.15-2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room C

Round table on "Hiroshima and our Common Future" [Mr. Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, will be the speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org). ]

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**Round table discussion on "Women and Media"**

1.15-2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1

Round table discussion, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, on "Women and Media" in preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Advancement of Women [Speakers include Ms. Thérèse Gastaut, Director of Public Affairs, DPI; and Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women.]

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**Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

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**International Forum for Social Development**

3-6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1

Second International Forum for Social Development on the theme "Cooperation for Social Development: The International Dimension", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in a joint informal gathering of the Second and Third Committees [The gathering will be co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Second and the Third Committees. Interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in Room DC-2 1370, or at the following web sites: www.un.org/esa/socdev/forum/index.html, and www.un.org/esa/socdev/forum/documentation.html. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, tel. 1 (212) 963-4596 or 1 (212) 963-5873.]

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**Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations**

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

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**Open-ended meeting on First Committee draft resolution entitled "Terrorism and weapons of mass destruction"**

4–5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended meeting of interested delegations, organized by the delegation of India, on the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction" (A/C.1/57/L.49)

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.*

**Thursday, 17 October 2002**

*Room S-226*

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte, Permanent Representative of France;

Mr. Eugen Brand, Director-General, ATD, Fourth World;

Mr. Benson Venegas, Iniciativa Talamanca of Costa Rica, recipient of the UNDP Poverty Eradication Award; and

Dr. Charles McNeil, UNDP Environment Programme Team Manager

on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Friday, 18 October 2002**

# General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

### Main Committees

**First Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

**Second Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Third Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Committee.

**Sixth Committee**

10 a.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

# General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

Delegations wishing to participate in the discussions in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on agenda item 78 entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" are requested to contact Ms. Janet Hizon, room S-2977M, (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388).

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**Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 18 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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# Security Council

**United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)**

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold a special session on Friday, 18 October 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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# Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its next meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2002 (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.

**Informal Consultations**

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 18 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber on the modalities of establishment of an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea Bissau.

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 18 October 2002, in the afternoon[1] on all outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council (A/57/344, A/57/319-E/2002/85, E/2002/3, E/2002/24-E/CN.3/2002/31, E/2002/49, E/2002/53, A/57/75-E/2002/57, E/2002/71 (Part I), E/2002/71 (Part II)[2], E/2002/73, E/2002/81, E/2002/83, E/2002/84[2], E/2002/86, and E/2002/L.37

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations by the President of the Council in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[2] To be issued.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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### Youth Symposium: Youth – A resource for results

There will be a symposium, organized by the Division for Social policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 18 October 2002, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the conference room of Level 23, DC2 Building. Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict; Youth Venture, Harlem Based Youth Volunteer Organisation; and Ms. Christine Norton, Senior Adviser Adolescent Development and Participation Programme Division, UNICEF; will be among the participants.

### Informal consultation on the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons

H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodriguez, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the Conference on Disarmament and President of the July 2001 United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will chair an informal consultation on the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons. The meeting, open to all Members States, will take place on Friday, 18 October 2002, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Mr. Herbert Loret, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-0049; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; e-mail: loret@un.org).

### Presentation on "Biodiversity: its importance to human health", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO)

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in the context of the fifty-seventh General Assembly Second Committee's consideration of environment and sustainable development, have jointly organized a presentation on "Biodiversity: its importance to human health", a project of

the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School. The presentation will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Speakers will include : Eric Chivian M.D., Director of the Harvard Center, and by Dr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Briefing on the Fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government**

A briefing for delegations, organized jointly by the Permanent Mission of Morocco and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the Fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government, will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. More information on this event can be found on the Web site at the following address: http//www.globalforum.ma.

**Non-aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau**

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Movement on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Briefing by the Executive Director of UNAIDS**

There will be a joint briefing of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, on 25 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 4 featuring a briefing by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, followed by an interactive discussion.

In his briefing Dr. Piot will update delegations on the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the twenty-sixth Special Session (HIV/AIDS) and the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. He will in addition, share his views on the way forward in the global response to the epidemic.

The briefing is jointly convened by the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, in preparation for the consideration of item 42 which will take place on 8 November 2002 in Plenary Session.

**UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series.This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 18 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

**UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

**UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

**UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules ar ' one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series (conducted in English), which began on Friday, 4 October, will continue on every alternate Friday until 15 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

## Announcements

**Security Council**

**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

**Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session**

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

## Summary of meetings

**Wednesday, 16 October 2002**

# Security Council

4625th meeting

*The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

*Letter dated 10 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1132)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 16 October 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2002/1147), requesting an invitation to

participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the discussion.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 14 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations (S/2002/1140) the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani, Permanent Observer of the League of the Arab States to the United Nations.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations (S/2002/1148) the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Mokhtar Lamani, Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Iraq, Kuwait, Algeria, Egypt, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Japan, and Tunisia.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Cambodia, Jamaica, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ukraine and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made statements.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Denmark (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA country belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland which aligned themselves with the statement), Turkey, New Zealand, Argentina, Oman, Nigeria, Canada, Cuba, the Sudan and Senegal.

The meeting was suspended.

# General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

31st plenary meeting

*Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/57/250/Add.2)* . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" to its fifty-eighth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session an additional item entitled "South American Zone of Peace and Cooperation" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

*Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion* . . . . . [31]

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/179, A/57/179/Corr.1, (A/57/179/Add.1))*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/57/L.4)*

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/57/L.4.

Statements were made by the representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Cuba, Malaysia, Egypt (on behalf of the African States), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 27th plenary meeting on 14 October 2002, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The representative of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 133 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/57/L.4 (resolution 57/5).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Australia and Armenia.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 31.

*Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990's* . . . . . [41 (a)]

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/57/468)*

*(b) Draft decision (A/57/468, para. 18)*

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990's in paragraph 18 of document A/57/468.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 41.

*Report of the Security Council (A/57/2 and A/57/2/Corr.1 (Chinese, English and Spanish only))* [11]; *Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-ended Working Group* [40]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 11 and 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Madagascar, Thailand, Ethiopia, Senegal, the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, Yugoslavia and Poland.

32nd plenary meeting

*Report of the Security Council (A/57/2 and A/57/2/Corr.1 (Chinese, English and Spanish only))* [11]; *Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-ended Working Group* [40]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 11 and 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana, Mozambique, Malawi, Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Mongolia, Hungary, Slovakia, Uruguay, Cyprus, Mauritius, Ireland, El Salvador, Nepal, Morocco and Liechtenstein.

The Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/57/2 and A/57/2/Corr.1 (Chinese, English and Spanish only)).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 11 and 40.

## Main Committees

### First Committee

13th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely, "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 57, 58 and 60-73.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (who introduced draft resolution A/C 1/57/L.46), Fiji, Australia, Switzerland, Netherlands, Madagascar, Japan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.33), Colombia, South Africa, Slovenia, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.41), Brazil (who spoke on behalf of MERCOSUR), Belgium (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.36), Norway, Kenya, Thailand, Ethiopia, Canada, Mozambique, Congo, Sierra Leone and Nicaragua.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States have become co-sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/57/L.4, Honduras; A/C.1/57/L.20, Barbados and Liberia; A/C.1/57/L.30, Bangladesh; A/C.1/57/L.34, Honduras; A/C.1/57/L.35, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Papua New Guinea; A/C.1/57/L.36, Fiji; A/C.1/57/L.38, Bangladesh and Honduras; A/C.1/57/L.42 and A/C.1/57/L.44, Bangladesh and Honduras; A/C.1/57/L.50 and A/C.1/57/L.51, Malaysia.

### Second Committee

11th meeting

*Macroeconomic policy questions preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation* . . . . . [84 (f)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.2*

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.

*Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development* . . [84 (c)]

The Committee began its general consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat for the World Summit on the Information Society, the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination and the Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Switzerland, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, India, Romania, Chile, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Egypt, Brazil, Tunisia, the United States and the Dominican Republic.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

*Deadline for the submission of draft proposals*

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-item 84 (c) was Friday, 18 October 2002, at 1 p.m.

**Third Committee**

21st meeting

*Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children* . . . . . [43]

*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* . . . . . [105]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Bahrain, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the United Arab Emirates, the Cameroon, Kuwait, Andorra, Singapore, Israel, Madagascar, Mozambique, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Cyprus, Eritrea, Croatia, Nigeria, Malaysia, the Gambia and Angola.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The observer for the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 43 and 105.

*Right of reply*

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer for Palestine.

*Organization of work*

The Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under items 43 and 105 to Thursday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

**Fifth Committee**

9th meeting

*Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors* [110]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. Shauket Fakie, introduced the reports of the Board (A/57/5 (Vol. I and Corr.1, III and Corr.2 and IV and Corr.3), A/57/5/Adds.1-12 and Adds.1-12/Corr.1 and A/57/201).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/416).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/439).

The Committee began its general discussion on the afore-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the Republic of Korea and China.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

## United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

**Trade and Development Board**
Forty-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

**Tuesday, 15 October 2002**

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II

1st meeting — *UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: Structural adjustment and poverty reduction in Africa* [5]

The Chairman Mr. Falou Samb (Senegal) opened the Sessional Committee and elected Mr. Francois Leger (France) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Special Coordinator for Africa, Mr. Kamran Kousari, introduced the item.

The following representatives made statements: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Ethiopia, Mauritania, Tunisia, Islamic Republic of Iran, China, United States, Cuba and Algeria.

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-sixth session

**Tuesday, 15 October 2002**

2043rd meeting — *General comments of the Committee* [9]

The Committee considered the general comments on article 2.

2044th meeting — *Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant* [10]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

**Wednesday, 16 October 2002**

2045th meeting *General comments of the Committee* [9]

The Committee considered the general comments on article 2.

2046th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [7]

The Committee considered the item (on country report task forces on Israel, Estonia, Mali and Luxembourg) in closed session.

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Ratification*: Paraguay (27 September 2002)[1]

*United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification*: Algeria (7 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## General information

**DPI/NGO Briefing**

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Follow-up to World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD): A Focus on Implementation." The briefing will be held *today*, 17 October 2002, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A thematically relevant video will be screened at 10 a.m. The Briefing will feature Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA, H.E. Mr. Dumisani Kumalo, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, and Mr. Michael Strauss, Executive Director, International Media Advocacy Project. The Briefing will be moderated by Ms. Susan Markham, Chief, Promotion and Planning Service, DPI. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty will be observed at United Nations Headquarters *today* 17 October 2002. A press conference at 11.15 a.m. in Room S-226 will feature Mr. Eugen Brand, Director-General, ATD Fourth World Movement; Mr. Charles McNeill, Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction Adviser, Equator Initiative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. Benson Venegas, Iniciativa Talamanca, Costa Rica, Equator Initiative Laureate 2002; and H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte, Permanent Representative of France. A ceremony in the United Nations Garden, from 12.15 to 1.15 p.m., will be addressed among others by Under-Secretary-General Nitin Desai; Mr. Zéphirin Diabré, Associate Administrator, UNDP; H.E. Mr. Levitte, Permanent Representative of France; H.E. Mr. Michael Kafando, Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso; Mr. Eugen Brand; and Dr. Margaret Varma, Rutgers University. It will feature testimonies from people living in poverty, a theatre presentation by children from the Tapori Movement, and music by the Young People's Chorus of New York City. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Information at 1 (212) 963-8275.

**United Nations University: Book Launch**

The launch of the book entitled *Governing Globalization. Issues and Institutions*, organized by the United Nations University, will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Professor Deepak Nayyar, Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi, editor and co-author, will be the main presenter. Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, who is a contributor to the volume, will also speak on the occasion. The session will be chaired by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Soial Affairs. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; fax 1 (212) 371- 9454; Web site www.ony.unu.edu. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. As seating is limited, kindly register on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm.

**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

*Asian States:*
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

*Eastern European States:*
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

*Western European and other States:*

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H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:*
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